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1. In August 1951 the camp where the largest number of United Nations prisoners of war was concentrated was in Chunggangjin (126-53, 41-47) (CB 2427). Several thousand POW's were held there although there were many camps in other parts of North Korea. By August 1951 all United Nations prisoners of war in Simiju who had been mobilized for work in the transport of lumber were transferred to the camp at Chunggangjin. Food for the prisoners at Chunggangjin consisted of one small bowl of boiled millet and a stalk of stone-leek at each meal. Conditions at the camp were unsanitary, and most of the prisoners were suffering from undernourishment and illnesses; only a third of them were in good health. An undetermined number of prisoners have died in the camp.

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2. On 14 August 1950, 706 United Nations prisoners of war, most of them Americans, boarded open freight cars at Sop'o railroad station near Pyongyang and were taken to Manp'ojin, where they arrived 18 August. They were billeted temporarily in the Manp'ojin Girls' School until 16 September, when they were removed to a quarantine station 35 miles west of Manp'ojin. On 1 October the group of prisoners crossed the Yalu River and boarded trains at Chien-hsien (126-21, 41-07) for Tunghua, Manchuria.

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